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nett came out of the study hall in front of Arch; Mr. Clapper looked worried, and was explaining something:

" . . . perhaps I was wrong to send in the order without your sanction, but I didn't think I was exceeding my authority."

Exceeding his authority. So even Mr. Clapper was inferior to someone else. The two men entered the superintendent's office and the door slammed. A sheet of paper had sifted out of Mr. Clapper's arms, and it glided to the floor by Arch's feet. He picked up the paper and—sidestepping a guilty feeling—read this letter:

My Dear Mr. Barnett:

We have studied with considerable interest your manuscript entitled "Some Concepts of the New Education." It is a brilliant piece of work, my dear Barnett, but we feel it still is not what we are looking for in a book of this kind. Perhaps after a few more years in that fine school of yours you will give us what we want.

Very truly yours,

Franklin Ross, president
Ross Publishing Co.

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Spin a bright new penny!
Let it twirl and gleam in the sun.
Make it heads, you'll write her
And tails, you'll be damned.
When it plinks to the ground,
Be stoical, be strong!

Plink!

Oh, it's tails, eh? Too bad.
But wait! You're in love?
Then spin it again
Make it two out of three . . .